The present older generation of women wears Mother Hubbard dresses, and a few occasionally wear shawls. Younger women wear cotton dresses purchased from stores or made at home on one of the few treadle sewing machines owned by Havasupai women. Men no longer make any kind of clothing. Young girls dress in skirts and blouses or cotton dresses, bobby socks, and saddle oxfords or other low-heeled shoes. Mature women also wear low-heeled oxfords, while old women often go barefoot around home. 291 [177]

Two informants reported that formerly women sometimes made dresses from the woven, soft, inner bark of the juniper. Neither informant was able to give details of the weaving process, nor of the dress design, but both said that the material used felt soft to the skin. This has not been checked with other informants. Spier (personal communication, 1957) writes, "The dresses of woven bark are probably quite correct, though I was not told of them. They were presumably skirts or kilts (which is however really a pair of aprons or skirts), since such bark skirts were normal dress among the tribes of a wide area--western Arizona, California, and the Basin--on the margin of which lay the Havasupai." 291 287

Subsequently (in 1958) an informant described the bark dress thus: "The skirt was woven from the waist to below the hips, and the lower half of it was loose like a Hawaiian skirt. I don't think anything was worn underneath. The blouse was made of two separate pieces, one in front and one in back. Sometimes a buckskin blouse was worn with a bark skirt."

Women customarily wore their hair long, with bangs cut at eyebrow level. The hair was permitted to hang loosely in back to the shoulders. Women in former times reportedly never thought of curling their hair, but occasionally they would arrange it in three braids, one in back and one on either side hanging in front of the shoulders. Women sometimes tied together strands of hair from above the ears to the back of the head to hold the remaining hair back from the face. After contact with whites had provided them models with curly hair, young girls tried to imitate it. They made a primitive curler by splitting a green willow half of its total length, winding the hair on the split portion and bending the unsplit portion over to hold the hair in place. Each curler was anchored by the one above it, curlers in the top row having their ends tucked into the straight hair above them. 302 302 177

At present older women wear their hair in the original style, but are perhaps neater in its arrangement than formerly. A few of the younger married women have their hair in bangs at eyebrow level, the long hair in back being cut to an even length. Many of the younger women and adolescent girls now have permanent waves, or use curlers of various types available in Anglo-American stores. They strive to imitate popular but conservative Anglo-American hair styles.

Most of the women shampoo their hair frequently. Hair and body lice are not common, and an effort usually is made to exterminate lice if they are discovered on a child. 302 515